

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/626,591

Examiner

Lee Lum

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

3611

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/25/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/16/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The following amendments were authorized by attorney J. Scaffetta on 5/20/04:

In these Claims, replace "the/said" with --- a --- before each word:

In Claim 1, line 3 – driving,

In Claim 3, line 3 – driving,

In Claim 4, line 4 – driving,

line 12 – use,

In Claim 6, line 3 – result,

In these Claims, replace "the/said" with --- an --- before each word:

In Claim 1, line 12 – output,

line 14 – actual,

In Claim 4, line 12 – output,

line 13 – output,

line 14 – actual,

In Claim 7, second-to-last line – operation.

In these Claims, replace "an" with --- a --- before each word:

In Claims 1 and 4, line 7 – vehicle-mounted.

Also, in Claims 1 and 4, line 1 – delete "of the type",
in Claim 2, third-to-last line – replace "base" with --- based ---,
In Claim 3, line 6 – delete "the" before "both",
In Claim 4, line 14 - delete "the" before "both".

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2. **Claims 1-7 are allowable** because prior art does not disclose a vehicle steering control system in which a wheel steering shaft is driven by a motor, the system comprising, *inter alia*, a current sensor including a current detection resistance for detecting the current across the motor and a differential amplifier circuit, and, offset compensation information, and storage means, for compensating an output of the current sensor.

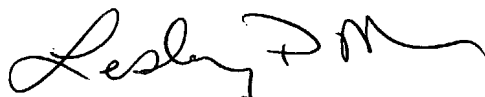
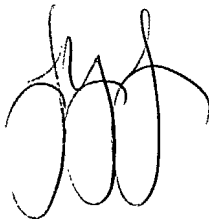
Nor does prior art disclose an embodiment comprising, *inter alia*, a current sensor with a current detection resistance, and a current gain compensation means, and storage means, for compensating an output of the current sensor.

3. The prior art made of record, and not relied upon, is considered pertinent to the disclosure: Yamamoto et al 6018691, 5448482, Phillips 5307892.

4. Communication with USPTO/Examiner

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Ms. Lum at 703 305-0232, M-F, 830-530. Our fax number is 703 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature, or relating to the status of this application/proceeding, should be directed to Customer Service at 703 306-5771.

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